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### **DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ANNOUNCES THREE ADDITIONS TO INTERNET TAG RENEWAL PROGRAM**

The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety announced today that beginning in January citizens in DeKalb, Lowndes and Spalding counties will be able to renew their vehicle tags over the Internet. This new option for tag renewal will begin for customers with February birthdays.

These three counties join Bibb, Chatham, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, and Whitfield who launched the DMVS Internet Tag Renewal Pilot Program in December.

Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices or prebills for residents with February birthdays in these three new participating counties should be in mailboxes by January 1st. At the bottom of that notice is a new message alerting the recipient of the on-line renewal option and providing a twelve-digit Renewal Identification Number (RIN). A RIN is needed for Internet renewal to ensure integrity and security. The customer can then go to the DMVS web site, [www.dmv.ga.gov](http://www.dmv.ga.gov), and follow the instructions to renew vehicle registrations online.

MasterCard and Visa credit cards are the only method of payment -- with a six-dollar service charge per transaction. However, an electronic checks system will be initiated early next year. A successful transaction takes less than five minutes and the new registration and decal will be mailed to the customer within five business days.

Since December 1<sup>st</sup>, over 450 Georgia residents have chosen to renew their vehicle tags online. "The responses that we have received from the participating Tax Commissioners and

individual customers have been overwhelmingly positive. We feel confident that the system we have created and will continue to develop will serve Georgians well and gives them just another option to conduct their motor vehicle business,” said DMVS Commissioner Tim Burgess.

“The Tax Commissioners from these three counties, Sylvia Hollums, Spalding; Mary Nell Robertson, Lowndes; and Tom Scott, DeKalb; were instrumental in working on the pilot task force that made this project a reality,” said Burgess.

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